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DURING MAY 28 "MEET THE PRESS," ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS BRZEZINSKI WAS QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY ABOUT
CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA. THERE FOLLOWS FIRST Q AND A
OF THE BROADCAST:

Q. DR. BRZEZINSKI, CASTRO SAYS THE CUBANS WERE NOT INVOLVED
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IN THE INVASION OF ZAIRE. PRESIDENT CARTER SAYS THEY WERE.
FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO SAYS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD BAD
INFORMATION ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA.
THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
WHAT THE EVIDENCE IS OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE ZAIRE IN-
VASION. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE EVIDENCE?

A. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, MR. MONROE, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT
WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID WAS RIGHT. THE INVASION OF KATANGA

OR SHABA FROM ANGOLA COULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT.

IT COULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT THE INVADING PARTIES HAVING BEEN ARMED AND TRAINED BY THE CUBANS AND INDEED PERHAPS ALSO THE EAST GERMANS, AND WE HAVE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

TO BE QUITE CONFIDENT IN OUR CONCLUSION THAT CUBA SHARES THE POLITICAL AND THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INVASION, INDEED, EVEN FOR THE OUTRAGES THAT WERE ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

IF THE SENATE DESIRES MORE INFORMATION, I AM CERTAIN THAT WE CAN PROVIDE IT AND I AM QUITE CONFIDENT THAT THE JUDGMENT EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT WILL STAND UP. VANCE

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